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Dr Sir

I trust you will have received, before this reaches you, my letter from Amsterdam, dated, if I mistake not, the 13th Instt. since that time we have not had any thing new in this Country. The attentions of People have been very much turned towards and engaged in contemplating the issue of [illegible] actual Situation. The accounts of the late Revolt in Dauphiny has occasioned very great joy in this place where british influence greatly prevails. It is, I think, very much to be lamented that matters have been carried to such extremities. It will do much harm without any possibility of doing good. The form of the french government seems accommodated to the genius of the french People. The ebullitions of Liberty therefore can only be temporary: & may distress but not [illegible] the Government. Herewith your Excellency will receive a letter which some days past came under cover to me. My letters dated the [illegible] in the [illegible] lands in Georgia being

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~~being~~ [illegible struck-through words] they have encroached upon the Lands of the Georgians—plundered many Inhabitants & committed murders not far from Savanna. The Planters have all erected Forts on their Estates & armed their Negroes for defending them—The Governor has offered a reward for every Indians head & the Assembly have raised a body of regular Troops &, like antient Carthage marched them into the their Enemy's Country in order to draw them from their own—The troops were raised on very good terms—they are to be paid, as the Romans were, with conquered lands. Be pleased to make my compliments to Mr Short and believe me to be Sir with the most lively Sentiments of friendship & regard

Your very much obliged friend & hble Servt.

J. Rutledge Junior

I have this moment received Letters from Charleston dated April 9th. They mention that the election came on the 8th the preceeding day for Delegates to the Convention—that they had not received returns from the Country but that in the City & the neighbouring districts the Elections had been made with very great judgement & that the measures

certain that the new Constitution will be accepted —

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Monsieur de Jefferson
Ministre des Etats unis
de l'Amerique auprès de
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